

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 20 remain in the application with claims 1 and 20 having been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Klug et al.

In the official action, the examiner noted that the client must have the registration website identifier stored, so that the user may contact the registration website and communicate information.

The claims have been amended hereby to emphasize the distinctions between the present invention and Klug et al. More specifically, the present invention is intended to introduce a specific site B to a user when the user visits another site A. The user can get information about site B at site A and may visit site B because he has an interest therein after obtaining the information at site A. Site B then compensates site A because the user has visited site B after having been introduced from site A. Thus, site B must distinguish many sites where the user was introduced about site B. This means that site B allocates a generation source identifier to site A so that site B can figure out site A when the user inputs the generation source identifier of site A, which has been allocated by site B. In other words, in the amended claims, the external apparatus corresponds to site B of the above discussion.

On the other hand, in the automatic registration system

of Klug et al., once a user registers his information to the registrar website 100, he can register other third party websites easily by transferring information from the registrar website 100 to the third party website.

In the instant Official Action the examiner noted that URL information of the registrar website 100 is stored in the terminal site, and that can be the generation source identifier. Nevertheless, even if URL information is the corollary of the generation source identifier, such URL information has not been allocated by an external apparatus, site B, as in the presently claimed invention. Furthermore, in Klug et al., when the user requests a user ID to the apparatus, the apparatus does not transmit the user ID and the generation source identifier as in the present invention, because in the present invention the generation source identifier is allocated by the external apparatus.

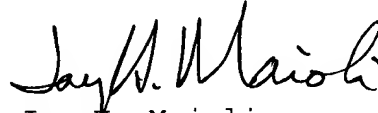
Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that an information processing apparatus, as taught by the present invention and as recited in the amended claims, is neither shown nor suggested in the cited reference.

Entry of this Amendment is earnestly solicited and it is respectfully submitted that this Amendment raises no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because the amendments to the claims simply explain in more detail the positive elements previously recited.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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